

Faith

The Catholic Parishes of Deepdene & Balwyn

Welcome to week two of our Parish Stewardship Program.

This week is all about FAITH!

We ask you to reflect on the importance of faith in your life. Is your faith the foundation of who you are? Does it drive the way you choose to live your life?

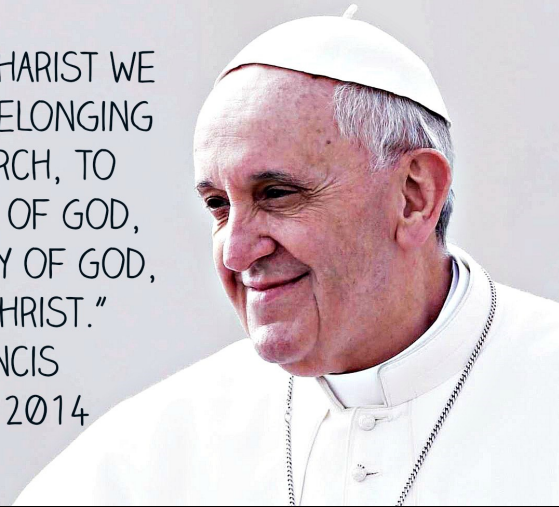
We also ask you to re-affirm the importance of Sunday Mass – how we come together as a community to celebrate our faith. The Eucharist is something much bigger than ourselves – it is not a private or anonymous experience. The communal celebration of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass gives us the spiritual nourishment to live our lives as true disciples of Jesus.

Finally, we ask you to commit to growing in faith – to take the opportunity to learn and develop a mature understanding of our faith.

Note that Fr Brendan Reed will have a special Homily on this weeks' theme of FAITH at all Masses this weekend.

"IN THE EUCHARIST WE FEEL THIS BELONGING TO THE CHURCH, TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD, TO THE BODY OF GOD, TO JESUS CHRIST."

- POPE FRANCIS
5 FEBRUARY 2014



Thoughts from our Leadership Team

What does celebrating your faith as a parish community mean to you?

"Reminder that being Catholic is not a solitary journey"

"Belonging – coming together or part of a community brings a sense of belonging"

"Joining together as a community to reflect on the week and listen to the hand of God"

"Create awareness of my faith as living manifestation of what was encompassed in the Pentecost to go out and spread the Word"

"Recognising that we gather as one, in common prayer and faith"

Ministry Focus

**Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors & Leaders
Altar Society**



Key Dates

11th & 12th August	Faith Weekend
18th & 19th August	Community Weekend
21st & 22nd August	Our Future Forum
25th & 26th August	Our Future weekend